

COLONEL ALFRED E. DOCHNAL
Chief of Staff
United States Army North



COL Dochnal is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from Northeast Missouri State University in 1979, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry. After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course, and the Ranger Course, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 505th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division. While assigned there he served as a rifle platoon leader and the Battalion S3 Air. In 1981, he moved to Ft. Lewis

where he served as Weapons Platoon Leader and later as the Executive Officer, A Company, 2nd Ranger Battalion. COL Dochnal took command of B Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, Ft. Lewis in 1982. In January 1985, he rotated with his Company to the Republic of Korea to the 2nd Infantry Division. There his Company was re-designated Company C, 1st Battalion 23rd Infantry. Later that year, he changed command and became the Battalion Operations (S3) until August of 1986.

Following the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, COL Dochnal was assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, as the Assistant Operations Officer (AS3) for the Regiment, and then as the Commander for C Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion.

COL Dochnal graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1991 and was assigned to US Army Pacific, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii. He was later assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as the Executive Officer for the 4th Battalion, 27th Infantry, then as the Brigade Operations Officer (S3) for 2nd Brigade. In 1994, he became the Director of Operations (J3) for Joint Task Force Full Accounting (POW/MIA) at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. He culminated his tour in Hawaii as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (J5) USCINCPAC. COL Dochnal commanded the 5th Ranger Training Battalion in Dahlonga, Georgia, from May of 1997 to June of 1999. After battalion command, COL Dochnal served as the Infantry Colonel assignments officer Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Virginia, until July 2000. He moved to Newport, Rhode Island, where he graduated from the Naval War College in June of 2001. His next assignment was as the Deputy Commander of the Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana. In July 2002 he assumed command of the 2d Brigade 75th Division, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He became the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, Fifth United States Army in August 2004 and the Chief of Staff, US Army North, in May 2006.

His military awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit (LOM) Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC) Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/Arrowhead, Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, the US Army Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge, Master Parachutist Badge w/Bronze Combat Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Expert Infantryman's Badge.

Col Dochnal is married to the former Lana Sue Fowler, and they have four children Andrea (25), Ailie (19), Alexander (16), and Aidan (12).

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